(i) The Scheme covers departmental sub offices to be set up in project areas new industrial estates/townships/satellite colonies developed in the periphery of cities/urban agglomerations and other similar developments which have come up in new areas in pursurance of the Plan activities of State and Central Government departments and agencies. In other words, the concept of Postal sector plan to be enlarged to cover the postal infrastruture required for the overall National Plan.

(ii) The proposed sub offices should have a minimum anticipated work-load of 5 hours per day.

(iii) While departmental sub offices are expected to be financially self supporting, in rural areas a loss up to Rs. 2400/– per annum is allowed Rs. 4800/– in hilly/backward/tribal areas.

[*Translation*]

Irregularities in Safdarjung Airport

6275. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appeared in the 'Jansata' dated January 10, 1992 regarding irregularities in the functioning of Safdarjung airport; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Sl. No	*Irregularities mentioned in the newsitem*	*Facts/action*
1	*2*	*3*
(i)	Theft of and aircraft part worth Rs 1,25,000/- on 14 6 91 and of copperr wire worth $ 15,000	On 14 6 91 an ex-employee of India Airnes was found carrying two aircraft parts These were confiscated and reported to the competent authority No other incident was detected at Safdarj-ng Airport However four incidents of cable theft at Indira Gandhi International Airport took place on 10 8 91 7 9 91 25 9 91 and 25 11 91 respectivey All these incidents were reported to the police after preliminary investigation One out-sider has aready been handed over the police in this connection
(ii)	Awarding of contract of parkingf space at Indian Airlines booking office	Information is being collected
(iii)	Starting of a new co-operative store at Palam	The Airlines Consumer Co-operative Stores Ltd at I G.I Airp-ort, Palam, has been registered with the Registrar of Societies, New Delhi The President and other officials are for an interim period pending electi'on after registration as per rules The Co-operative Store has a membership of 129 It was sched-uled to be inaugrated on 23 1 92 but certain aspiring members objected to the inaugration before their enrolment as members of the store. Pending resolution of the conflict, the store has been temporarily closed Indian Airlines would be in a position to recover its loan of Rs 50 000/- as the store has the resources covering the amount of loan